

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Original): A firearm comprising:  
an elongated barrel having a rearward end,  
a breech plug fastened to the rearward end of the barrel with  
a nipple extending rearwardly of the breech plug,  
a receiver at the rearward end of the barrel, the receiver  
having an opening for receiving a firing element,  
a bolt assembly positioned within the receiver, and the  
firing element having an elongated bore extending  
through the firing element from a forward end to a  
rearward end wherein the rearward end of the bore  
receives a percussion element and the forward end  
receives the nipple such that a forward end of the  
percussion element is in alignment with the nipple.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The device of claim ~~1~~3 wherein  
the firing element has a cylindrical body member with a  
rearward portion of greater diameter, a forward portion of  
reduced diameter, and a shoulder portion on the body member  
between the forward and rearward portions dwelling in a plane  
perpendicular to a center elongated axis of the body member.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).